THE MASTER PASSION.

"I was once present," said Charles

ad the most terrible contention between owers of fire and water for the deon of that ship and of every one m board. He had rowed away among the floating dying and the sinking dead. had floated by day, and he had fronight, with no shelter and no and as he told his dismal tale he ed his haggard eyes about the room. hen he had finished and the tale en noted down from his lips, he ered and refreshed and soothed skede if anything could be done Even within him that master was so strong that he immediplied that he should like an order for the play. My friend, the editor, certainly thought that was rather a strong case, but he said that during his many years of experience he had witnessed an incurable amount of self pros-

tration and abasement having no other

part of people who could well afford to -Exchange Hardy Climbing Roses. In the prairie rose we have a class of hardy native climbing roses often found wild in Michigan and the westfates, which we may plant with. confidence. Two of the more commonly known roses of this class; which are faother varieties are nearly over, are Queen of the Prairie and Baltimore Belle, varieties raised in the year 1843 by a rose grower named Feast, in Baltimore, from seeds of the wild prairie rose crossed with some European variety. These two, the former red and the latter white, when grown near each other on the same with intertwining branches, then each other's beauty by contrast. Both are of rapid growth and may be employed to advantage for covering any unsightly objects as walls, old trees, old buildings, etc. Among the most desirable roses of the prairie class we have Annie Maria, vigorous, pale pink, very few thorns; Baltimore Belle, pale bluish, changing to white; Gem of the Prairie, free, believed to be from Queen of the Prairies crossed with Mme. Laffay, rosy red, occasionally blotched

April Fool Day,

with white, large, flat flowers, slightly

fragrant; Queen of the Prairies, vigor-

ous, rosy red, frequently with a white

stripe, medium or large size, double, fo-

linge large, five leaflets, quite serrated;

Triumphant, vigorous, rosy pink, me-

leaflets arecommon. —Cleveland Leader

The custom of sending one on a bootless errand or otherwise "April fooling" him on the first day of April is very ancient. Yet it cannot truthfully be said that any one is equal to the task of tracing it to its origin. Some antiquarians profess to believe it a survival of the travesty of sending the Saviour hither and thither, first from Annas to Caiahas and then to Pilate and Herod. This opinion is strengthened by the fact that during the middle ages that very scene in Christ's life was made the subject of one of the Easter "Miracle Plays" enactthe chief streets of London and other English cities of the first class. Even though the above opinion has repeived the sanction of Brande, Moore and Hone, it is not at all unlikely that it is really a relie of some old heathen Hindoos or he Roman "feast of fools." sal throughout Europe and is also practhat the Hindoo Huli festival, where is held on the night of the 31st of March, til sunrise on the morning of April 1.-St. Louis Republic.

Proof That Sparrows Can'Count. There is no doubt but that birds can count, and an incident I witnessed several years ago illustrating this fact four of her young, had a nest in a spar- paper says has been invented and patrow house under the veranda of my ented by a woman with an eye for to-the nest with four living worms in her beak. The four little birds reached heads with the customary noise and were each fed a worm. The sparrow then flew away, and after a time returned again with four worms in her beak; which were disposed of as before. The bird kept this up for some time, during which I was an interested spectator. -St. Louis Globe-Dem erat.

Important Information For Girls. Blue eyed men are the most sentimental of the species. At least this is what an eminent physiognomist says. They are peculiarly susceptible to the influence of the opposite sex, melt under the Marnth of one ardent glance, have emotional, mercurial affections and arefound by the coquettes to be easier game OLD SCOTCH SUPERSTITIONS

Alleged to Be the Mania For Getting Free | The Many Absurdities That Clung Round Dickous, "at a social discussion which gin at the beginning-it was imperaoriginated by chance. The subject was, tive that both the mother and babe What was the most absorbing and long- should be "sained"—that is, a fir canest lived passion in the human breast? dle was carried thrice round the bed, What was the passion so powerful that and a Bible, with a bannock or some it would almost induce the generous to bread and cheese, was placed under the be mean, the careless to be cautious, the pillow and a kind of blessing muttered guileless to be deeply designing and the -to propitiate the "good people." dove to emulate the serpent?' A daily Sometimes a fir candle was set on the editor of vast experience and great bed to keep them off. If the newborn acuteness, who was one of the company, showed any symptom of fractiousness, considerably surprised us by saying, it was supposed to be a changeling, and with the greatest confidence, that the to test the truth of this supposition the passion in question was the passion of child was placed suddenly before a peat orders for the play. There had fire, when, if really a changeling, it recently been a terrible shipwreck, and made its escape by the "lenn," or chimvery few of the surviving sailors had ney, throwing back words of scorn as it disappeared. There was much eagerness One of these on making land came to get the babe baptized lest it should straight to London and straight to the | be stolen by the fairies. If it died unnewspaper office with his story of how | christened, it wandered in woods and seen the ship go down before | solitary places, lamenting its melanhis even. That young man had witness- choly fate, and was often to be seen. Such children were called "tarans." Allan Ramsay, in his "Gentle Shep herd," describing Mause, the witch says of her:

At midnight hours o'er the kirkyard she raves And houks unchristened weans out of the

It was considered a sure sign of ill fortune to mention the name of an "unchristened wean," and even at baptism the name was usually written on a slip | good " for you? of paper, which was handed to the officiating minister, that he might be the first to pronounce it, Great care was taken that the baptismal water should not enter the infant's eyes, not because such a mishap might result in wailings loud and long, but because the sufferer's future life, wherever he went and what ever he did, would constantly be vexed by the presence of wraiths and specters. If the babe kept quiet during the ceremony, the gossips mourned over it as object and that almost invariably on the destined to a short life and perhaps not a merry one; hence, to extort a cry, the woman who received it from the father would handle it roughly or even pinch

If a male child and a female child were baptized together, it was held to be most important that the former should have precedence. And why? In the "Statistical Account of Scotland," the minister of an Orcandian parish exhardiness, free blooming, and the fact of | plains: "Within the last seven years he their flowers appearing just after the had been twice interrupted in adminisa male child, who was baptized immediately after. When the service was over, he was gravely told he had done very wrong, for, if the female child was first baptized, she would, on coming to the years of discretion, most certainly have a strong beard, and the boy would JOHN E. WILSON, M. D., have none."-All the Year Rounds

A Motto at a Funeral.

There are women who, if offered the choice between a matinee and a funeral, the funeral. The dramatic opportunity DR. H. CRITTENDEN HARRIS, pings of woe are a positive sensation,

There is a story told that a good though eccentric dame long since gathered to her accounting, in whom this passion was abnormally developed, arrived in town from her country place one day on a shopping expedition. This lady heard of the death of a mere acquaintance and W. R. BROUGHTON, M. D. learned that if she hurried to the house she would be just in time for the funeral services. Shopping, as compared with mourning, had no charms, and the lady dium size, double or full, distinct, seven hastened to the house of sorrow. Now 16 Church St., Bloomfeld, the constant traveling companion of this good woman was a brown linen atrocity S. in the nature of a handbag or roll. Upon this bag, embroidered in large letters by the misguided person from whom it was a gift, was a motto. Arrived at the house, our friend insisted upon having a seat as near the casket as was possible, and that achieved she placed the brown linen structure across her lap, then settled herself with a sigh of satisfaction. The letters upon the bag, held within a few feet of the deceased lady and visible to all the mourners, spelled the words, "Bon voyage."-New York Recorder.

The rose of Jericho, a plant with which many superstitions are connected, is called Rosa Mariæ, or Mary's flower. It is a small, bushy, herbaceous plant about six inches high, of the natural order crucifermæ, which grows in festival, such as the Huli festival of the the sandy deserts of Arabia and Palestine and bears small white flower on The custor whatever its origin, of many branches. When its leaves fall, playing tricks and pranks of all kinds | the branches contract toward the center on the first day of this month is univer- and coil themselves inward and interlace like a ball of wickerwork, which is ticed in many other countries and in- blown about from place to place. When der various names. It is a curious fact | it happens to fall into water, it uncoils, and its pods open and let out the seed. April fool tricks of all sorts are played. If a specimen is taken before it is quite withered, it will retain the property of and the orgies are not discontinued unin moisture for years. Its generic name -nastatica-signifies this seeming resurrection to new life. - Brooklyn Eagle

The Dimple Making Machine.

The woman who must have dimple or die has only to invest in the dimple ampsed me not a little. A sparrow, with producing machine, which an English dwelling. One day the old bird flew up | beauty and with a speculative turn of mind. She, of all others, ought to be rewarded with one or more of these fetching marks of beauty, providing she can endure the torture of her own device, which is a kind of mask arranged with screws and wooden points that press upon the cheeks or chin where the dimples ought to be. This is worn at night, but just how long it must be applied to produce the desired impression is not said. - New York Sun.

She Was Particular. Carrie Constant-So you've throws your new admirer overboard? Gertie Gaygirl-You bet. Just as s as I learned he was a dairyman.

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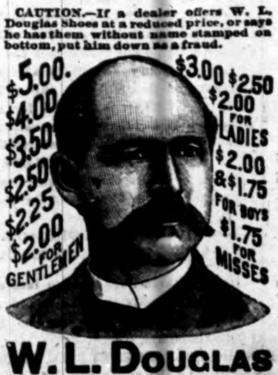
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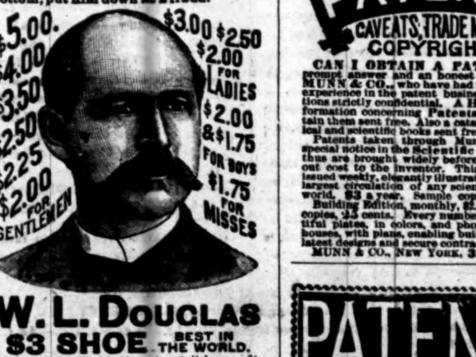
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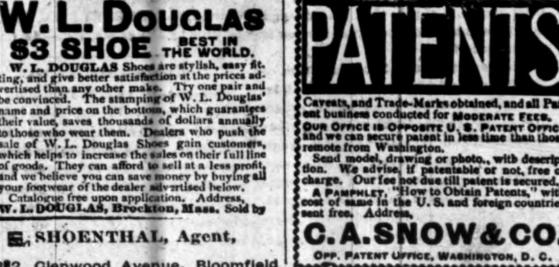
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brotherhood of man but makes it pos. two strips, for the next growth of an the velocity of 5,000 revolution sible—such a system can be the only true foundation of those higher ideals ing plants and the opening of some flow- volts. The motor would make an which are to be the inspiration of the ers, such as the compass plant, can be priate society of the future. Masnwhile there is the work of reformation. Those who are honest

in this, and have the courage of their convictions, can immediately prepare themselves for service by resolving to establish three ideals—ideals, too, which every earnest soul can bring who politely effered to show them/their near to realization. First, accept and act on Ruskin's great teaching: "Do good work whether you live or to the brook, as they were very carious dis." Rational co-operation is pos- to see how she could do so wonderful a sible to other basis. Deteriora- ture husbands. But instead of beholding

inch, followed by silence while the it, that not only stands for the pointer is passing over the space between

eighth of an inch, and so on. The growth of some very rapidly growheard direct by means of the microphone. By the above means it has been proved that plants grow most rapidly between 4 and 6 a. m. - New York Jour-

Kept Her Word.

Two young ladies were walking in the woods one day, when they were accosted by an old and much shriveled gypsy, husband's faces in a brook which ran paying the sum, they followed the hag thing and also anxious to see their fuin workmanship, with morbid the faces of the men they so fondly ment of imitation, is a sure and hoped for they saw their own. "We can

ing but our own faces," said

ute. It requires a current of on watch charm. - Kansa

Not a Minstrel Show, it you attended last night?" Snagg-I don't just know. "Well, what did they do?" Snagg—Oh, sang and danced and played banjos and mandolins and bones

"If was a minstrel show?" Snagg-Not much, it wasn't. "How do you know?" Snagg-Because they told several new jokes - Chicago Inter Ocean. The First European Almana

The first almanae printed in Europe,

or in the world for that matter, was the

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gazed upon viscas which their wildest /imaginings It is not a key of gold, though its value is more than its weight in that precious metal, nor is it shaped like a key at all. And the wealth it unlocked is not only for its finders, but for all that desire to partake of it, for all posher to share my twenty thousand a yeah, and she said she would.-New York

Weekly. Miss Mary McGreevy Indianapolis does not seem to share the supposed feminine desire for an elaborate wedding. She was married the other day to John, Perry, and the ceremony occupied exactly 21/2 seconds by the watch.

The Egyptians moved great masses of Large blocks were drawn up inclined planes of earth or stone. Sometimes 500 men were required to draw one block into its proper position. Charlotte, complaining of boarding

that he, a builder's clerk to a well known firm in Cheltenham, "can boast by say-ing that we do sufficient trade in this town alone to keep a nation in regular employment." The answer must be appended. The firm have an apprentice

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